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Greetings!

Wow! Another year of “Now That’s What I’m Talking About!” – Summer Lunch, a Claridon Community Helps program. Not just another year, but our **seventh** year of providing lunches to children! In the past few months, we provided 18,630 lunches to children in Geauga County. This brings our total to 82,568 meals provided in 7 years! An amazing accomplishment that would not have been possible without you!

The number of children we served this summer was higher than last year. As a matter of fact, it was highest number of lunches provided in our 7 years. The local public schools and Geauga County Public Library held food drives this past spring. The amount of donated shelf stable items we received was less than last year. In July, with six weeks left of the program, and when our bank account only had enough money for five weeks, we shared the need with the community. Without hesitation families, churches and businesses gave. This allowed us to finish the summer in the black. Thank you!

Berkshire, Cardinal, Chardon, and West Geauga Schools graciously send home with students’ information about our lunch program. But what if your child is not in school yet or doesn’t attend one of these schools? To continue raising awareness of “Now That’s What I’m Talking About!” Summer Lunch program, we purchased ‘Free Summer Lunch’ yard signs to display around the county this past May. Hopefully you noticed them!

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings we prepared a hot lunch for the children. On Monday and Wednesday, we also prepared a brown bag lunch for the children to have for Tuesday and Thursday. In addition to filling the children’s bellies, I hope they enjoyed visiting with our drivers as much as our drivers enjoyed visiting with them.

The Geauga County Public Library provided us with activity sheets to share in the lunches this summer. Women United of United Way of Geauga County gave the children books to read. United Way of Geauga County supplied birthday bags to each of the children, because every child deserves to be celebrated. We also received a donation of two pallets of cereal that we passed along to families.

Justin of FLYT Productions donated his time to make a video to share with others about the magic our volunteers make happen during the summer. In just 2 ½ hours each day, the lunches are prepared, packed and heading to the hands of a child. Please take a moment to watch by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this page.

Together we are making a difference in the lives of so many families in Geauga County! We have planted the seed of giving within the child. We have relieved a little bit of stress on families without any barriers or criteria. We live in an amazing community!

Thank you again!

Judi Maloney, Program Director



Please scan to watch the video FLYT Productions made for us one morning this summer.

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